DEMAND XXVI—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION Rs. 5,500.

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I move for a sum of Rs. 5,500 under Demand XXVI Public Health and Sanitation. As the House knows, we had some free supply of milk and Government made the necessary arrangements for the distribution of it till the end of 1945. Seeing that some quantity is still left for distribution, Government propose to continue the distribution until the end of the current year. For this purpose an amonnt of Rs. 5,500 is required. The milk is supplied free of cost. Only the establishment and the transport charges have to be met out of this allotment. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

PRESIDENT: I may add that the Government have also asked the Government of India and the South African Government who have some extra milk to spare, to give us some more milk.

The question that Government may be granted a sum of Rs. 5,500 under Demand XXVI Public Health and Sanitation for the continuance of the Milk Canteen scheme, was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXXII.—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS Rs. 27,750.

MR. B. PARAMU: I move for a grant of Rs. 27,750 under Demand XXXII Miscellaneous Departments.

This amount comprises the following items: An additional allotment of Rs. 3000 is necessary to meet the additional cost caused by the revision of pay of the menials of the museum. This expenditure was not anticipated when the budget estimate for the current year was framed. Of the balance of Rs. 24,750, a sum of Rs. 20,000 is required to meet the expenses on account of the maintenance of the Zoo animals. The provision made for the purpose in the current year's budget is now found to be inadequate and hence this demand. A sum of Rs. 1,750 is required to meet the expenditure on account of the formation of an Agri-Horticultural Society in Trivandrum. This expenditure was not anticipated when the current year's budget estimate was prepared. Further a sum of Rs. 3000 is required for the purchase of Zoo animals for this year. Out of Rs. 7,500 provided for the purpose in the current year's budget. Rs. 3880 was spent for the animals already purchased this year and Rs. 2807 had to be paid to the Transport Dept. as hire charges for the lorries engaged for transporting animals. A sum of Rs. 1135 has still to be paid on account of transport charges. The total allotment required thus comes to Rs. 27750. I request that the grant may be made.

PRESIDENT: By way of explanation, I may add that it was found that on account of the tremendous rise in prices of beef, mutton, eggs and other things, the allotment that was made for the purpose was insufficient and that the animals were losing condition. It was therefore, considered that greater allotment should be made. That is the main portion.

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